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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: DRAIN SYSTEM OF DRUM-TYPE WASHING  
MACHINE

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**MS Amendment**

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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated June 16, 2009, please amend the patent application identified above as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.